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The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music's Wind Ensemble will perform in concert on Friday, Nov. 14. The free concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall.

"In this concert we will be performing works by American composers, some of which are written as recently as 13 years ago," said Lev Ivanov, visiting assistant professor of music and conductor of the Wind Ensemble.

The ensemble will perform: "Celebration Overture" by Paul Creston, "Solitary Dancer" by Warren Benson, "Divertimento" by Leonard Bernstein, "October" by Eric Whitacre, "Ballad for Band" by Morton Gould and "Pacific Celebration Suite" by Roger Nixon.

"Benson's 'Solitary Dancer' describes slow and lonely movements by a dancer, and is very rich in colors and textures," said Ivanov. "Bernstein's 'Divertimento' is filled with everything American and is much fun to perform."

Founded in 1980 by Professor Emeritus Steven W. Eggleston, the Wind Ensemble is an auditioned group of wind and percussion students. The ensemble specializes in performing contemporary pieces and has worked with world-renowned composers. As well as playing concerts on campus during the academic year, the Wind Ensemble also participates in national music conferences and frequently tours throughout the Midwest.

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